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1. The main economic problem confronting the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) is the shortage of cloth. Since the withdrawal of the DRV blockade against trade between French and DRV zones, DRV trade organizations are attempting to secure cloth from French-controlled areas. In order to facilitate this merchants are now allowed to circulate freely between the zones.
2. The DRV is having difficulties in disposing of agricultural products such as bamboo, tea and roots for making dyes. A large part of its lacquer is also tied down because of poor transportation facilities.
3. There has been an increase in the transportation of rice from the Vinh Yen-Phuc Yen area to the Viet Bac Intersector. Each canton is now required to provide fifty laborers each day to expedite its shipment.

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